



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **TAKAYAMA, Toshio, et al.**

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For: **SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING A MULTILAYER INTERCONNECTION
STRUCTURE AND FABRICATION PROCESS THEREOF**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment for the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed
herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of
this paper.

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